



CALL FOR PAPERS

ICAFSIT 2020
Sep 21-22, 2020
Toronto, Canada

The International Research Conference is a federated organization dedicated to bringing together a significant number of diverse scholarly events for presentation within the conference program. Events will run over a span of time during the conference depending on the number and length of the presentations.

ICAFSIT 2020 : International Conference on Alternative Futures of Small Industrial Towns is the premier interdisciplinary forum for the presentation of new advances and research results in the fields of Alternative Futures of Small Industrial Towns. The conference will bring together leading academic scientists, researchers and scholars in the domain of interest from around the world. Topics of interest for submission include, but are not limited to:

Industrial marginality (industrial towns and communities in a post-industrial world; dominant narratives of re-branding, re-imaging strategies implemented in traditional SMITs and conflict in existing collective industrial identity and external re-branding efforts, etc.)

The spatial marginality of industrial towns (the “small town” and “single-industry town” perspective: how “homogeneous” are SMIT communities; rise off populism and extremism; changing role of the nation state in SMITs development, etc.)

Regional determinism vs. territorial autonomy perspective (how much influence do individual SMITs have in steering their endogenous development? Are they completely dependent on regional/national and global re-branding and re-imaging policies?)

Place-sensitive development (the often-overlooked collective strengths of industrial communities are under researched: the new article by Rodriguez-Posé (2018) has established a need to study not only the shortfalls of the “losers” in globalization, but also their place-specific strengths)